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SUBJ: NEW SOVIET AMBASSADOR PRESENTS CREDENTIALS

1. SOVIET AMBASSADOR MALIK FAZYLOV PRESENTED HIS LETTERS OF CREDENCE TO MALIAN PRESIDENT MOUSSA TRAORE ON AUGUST 13, 1976. IN HIS REMARKS AT THE PRESENTATIONS CEREMONY, GIVEN FULL PAGE AUGUST 16TH COVERAGE BY MALI'S OFFICIAL DAILY L'ESSOR, THE NEAG MBASSADOR SAID THAT THE SOVIET UNION'S LENINIST EXTERNAL POLICY REQUIRED ACTIVE SUPPORT FOR THE AFRICAN PEOPLE'S FIGHT FOR NATIONAL POLITICAL AND ECONOMIC LIBERATION AND FOR THE LIQUIDATION OF RACIST REGIMES IN AFRICA. TO AMBASSADOR CITED COMMON MALIAN/ SOVIET SUPPORT FOR THE PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC OF ANGOLA AS AN EXAMPLE OF AFFINITY BETWEEN SOVIET AND MALIAN INTERNATIONAL GOALS. HE CALLED FOR STRENGTHENING OF FUTURE RELATIONS BASED ON MUTUALLY ADVANTAGEOUS COOPERATION.

2. IN HIS RESPONSE, PRESIDENT MOUSSA TRAORE SAID THAT MALI'S RELATIONS WITH THE SOVIET UNION WERE BASED ON STRICT OBSERVATION OF LEGAL EQUALITY, MUTUAL RESPECT AND NON-INTERFERENCE IN INTERNAL AFFAIRS. HE GAVE AS RECENT EXAMPLES OF FRIENDLY TIES BETWEEN THE TWO COUNTRIES HIS WHSKING VISIT WITH PRESIDENT PODGORNY IN MOSCOW LAST MAY AND THE VISIT OF GENERAL SOKOLOV

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TO MALI THIS JULY. THE PRESIDENT CHARACTERIZED SOVIET

ASSISTANCE AS AN EFFECTIVE AID WHICH TOUCHED ON ALL ASPECTS
OF MALIAN NATIONAL LIFE.

3. EMBASSY POUCHING COPY OF REMARKS TO DEPT.
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